

AGENDA

WHITE HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING JUNE 13 – JUNE 15, 2023

Renaissance Phoenix Downtown Hotel, 100 North 1st Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004

NOTE: Please be advised that agenda times are approximate and are in Mountain Standard Time; when the discussion for one topic is completed, discussions for the next topic will begin. For further information, please contact the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council's (WHEJAC) Designated Federal Officer for this meeting, Audrie Washington at washington.audrie@epa.gov. To register to present public comment to the WHEJAC or to listen to the other sessions of the WHEJAC public meeting, click [here](#).

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 [5:30 PM to 9:00 PM MST]	
5:30 PM – 6:00 PM	<p>Public Meeting Begins Welcome, Opening Remarks, and WHEJAC Roll Call</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audrie Washington, Designated Federal Officer – Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency• Richard Moore, Co-Chair – Los Jardines Institute• Peggy Shepard, Co-Chair – WE ACT for Environmental Justice• Carletta Tilousi, Vice-Chair – Havasupai Tribal Council• Catherine Coleman Flowers, Vice-Chair – Center for Rural Enterprise and Environmental Justice
6:00 PM – 6:45 PM	<p>Federal Agency Updates on Topics of Public Interest During the WHEJAC public meeting, federal agency staff will discuss a number of topics. This session is an opportunity to elevate additional federal agency updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Jalonne L. White-Newsome, Senior Director for Environmental Justice, White House Council on Environmental Quality (Moderator)• Marianne Engelman-Lado, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency• Beatra Wilson, Assistant Director for Urban & Community Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture• Kristin Wood, Transportation Policy Analyst / Justice40 Program Lead, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation

6:45 PM – 8:00 PM	Public Comment Period
8:00 PM – 8:15 PM	<i>BREAK</i>
8:15 PM – 9:00 PM	Public Comment Period Members of the public will be given three (3) minutes to present comments relevant to the following charges, topics, and questions related to the work of the WHEJAC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Justice Activities • The Justice40 Initiative • The Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool • The Environmental Justice Scorecard • Environmental Justice Resources and Tools that would be beneficial from federal agencies
9:00 PM	<i>Closing Remarks - Adjourn</i>

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 [8:30 AM to 5:30 PM MST]	
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Welcome, Opening Remarks, and WHEJAC Roll Call <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Moore, Co-Chair – Los Jardines Institute • Peggy Shepard, Co-Chair – WE ACT for Environmental Justice • Carletta Tilousi, Vice-Chair – Havasupai Tribal Council • Catherine Coleman Flowers, Vice-Chair – Center for Rural Enterprise and Environmental Justice • Audrie Washington, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
9:30 AM – 9:50 AM	Indigenous Peoples Acknowledgement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jones Benally Family Dance Troupe Navajo/Diné Traditional Dance – Black Mesa, Arizona
9:50 AM – 10:05 AM	Welcome and Remarks – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martha Guzman, Regional Administrator, Region 9, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency • Marianne Engelman-Lado, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

10:05 AM – 10:45 AM	Updates and Remarks – White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jalonne L. White-Newsome, Senior Director for Environmental Justice, White House Council on Environmental Quality • Brenda Mallory, Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality • Richard Moore, Co-Chair – Los Jardines Institute
10:45 AM – 11:15 AM	<i>BREAK and GROUP PHOTO</i>
11:15 AM – 12:45 PM	Panel Presentation: Update on Biden-Harris Administration’s Environmental Justice Priorities <p>During his first week in office, President Biden launched the most ambitious environmental justice agenda in our nation’s history. To deliver on the President’s bold and historic commitment to environmental justice, the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is working to leverage the full force of the federal government. This panel will provide an overview of CEQ’s work and how the values of environmental justice are being incorporated into the conservation and stewardship of public lands, advancement of chemical safety and plastic pollution prevention, implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act, and building climate resilience to meet the President’s goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jalonne L. White-Newsome, Senior Director for Environmental Justice, White House Council on Environmental Quality (Moderator) • Jonathan Black, Senior Director for Chemical Safety and Plastic Pollution Prevention, White House Council on Environmental Quality • Dr. Miriam Goldstein, Director for Ocean Policy, White House Council on Environmental Quality • Dr. Marccus Hendricks, Senior Advisor for Climate and Community Resilience, White House Council on Environmental Quality • Nausheen Iqbal, Deputy Director for Forests and Equity, White House Council on Environmental Quality • Dr. Ana Unruh Cohen, Senior Director for NEPA, Clean Energy, and Infrastructure, White House Council on Environmental Quality
12:45 PM – 2:00 PM	<i>LUNCH</i>

2:00 PM – 3:15 PM	<p>Panel Presentation: Regional Environmental Justice Highlights</p> <p>This panel will highlight priority environmental justice issues in EPA Region 9 where intersectional government and community collaboration is key to making progress. Examples of topics that may be discussed during this panel include: impacts from the goods movement industry, per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination, abandoned uranium mines on the Navajo Nation, and the Urban Waters initiative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martha Guzman, Regional Administrator, EPA Region 9, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Moderator) • Laura Cortez, Co-Director, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice • Yolanda Herrera, Unified Community Advisory Board, Community Co-Chair for the Tucson International Airport Area • Eva Olivas, Executive Director/CEO, Phoenix Revitalization Corporation • Jonathan Perry, Executive Director, Eastern Navajo Dine Against Uranium Mining (<i>tentative</i>)
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	<i>BREAK</i>
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	<p>Panel Presentation: Innovative Technical Assistance and Capacity Building</p> <p>The purpose of this panel is to share examples of technical assistance and capacity building that are being offered by federal agencies to support communities working on environmental justice solutions. Federal agency representatives will provide a high-level overview of various Justice40 Initiative covered programs and corresponding technical assistance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sharunda Buchanan, Interim Director, Office of Environmental Justice, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Moderator) • Teresa Acuña, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy and Deputy Director, Good Jobs Initiative, U.S. Department of Labor • Marianne Engelman-Lado, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency • Lucia Petty, Policy Advisor, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development • Dr. Matthew Tejada, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Environmental Justice, Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency • Dr. Eric Werwa, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Environmental Management, U.S. Department of the Interior • Mariia Zimmerman, Strategic Advisor for Technical Assistance and Community Solutions, U.S. Department of Transportation
5:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Live Demo: Grants.gov
5:15 PM – 5:30 PM	<i>Closing Remarks - Adjourn</i>

Thursday, June 15, 2023

[8:30 AM to 6:30 PM MST]

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Welcome, Opening Remarks, and WHEJAC Roll Call <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Richard Moore, WHEJAC Co-Chair – Los Jardines Institute• Peggy Shepard, WHEJAC Co-Chair – WE ACT for Environmental Justice• Carletta Tilousi, WHEJAC Vice-Chair – Havasupai Tribal Council• Catherine Coleman Flowers, WHEJAC Vice-Chair – Center for Rural Enterprise and Environmental Justice• Audrie Washington, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Panel Presentation: Emerging Leaders’ Perspectives on Environmental Justice and Legacy Pollution in Underserved Communities <p>Following in the legendary footsteps of the pioneers of the environmental justice movement, this panel features youth leaders from across the country who are working to uphold the 17 Principles of Environmental Justice, adopted at the historic environmental justice leadership summit in 1991, in their respective communities. The panel will highlight each leader’s contributions and work to address environmental injustices in urban, rural, and Tribal and indigenous communities and the push for more intergenerational organizing at the State, Tribal, local, and federal levels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LaTricea Adams, Black Millennials for Flint (Moderator)• Shamyra Lavigne, American Civil Liberties Union• William Barber, III, Rural Beacon Initiative• Yadia Yashanti, Poder Latinx
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	<i>BREAK</i>
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Remarks – Mayor Kate Gallego, City of Phoenix
10:45 AM – 11:15 AM	Presentation of Carbon Management Charge to WHEJAC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Jalonne L. White-Newsome, Senior Director for Environmental Justice, White House Council on Environmental Quality
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	WHEJAC Climate Planning, Preparedness, Response, Recovery and Impacts Workgroup – WHEJAC Presentation of Draft Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Miya Yoshitani, Workgroup Co-chair• Maria López-Núñez, Workgroup Co-chair
12:15 PM – 1:30 PM	<i>LUNCH</i>

1:30 PM – 2:15 PM	National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter 2.5 and Ozone – WHEJAC Presentation of Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Cormons, WHEJAC Member • Dr. Nicky Sheats, WHEJAC Member
2:15 PM – 3:00 PM	WHEJAC Indigenous Peoples and Tribal Nations Workgroup Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kyle Whyte, Workgroup Co-chair • Carletta Tilousi, Workgroup Co-chair
3:00 PM – 3:45 PM	WHEJAC Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool Workgroup Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Rachel Morello-Frosch, Workgroup Co-chair • Dr. Nicky Sheats, Workgroup Co-chair
3:45 PM – 4:00 PM	BREAK
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Presentation: Overview of the EPA’s Proposed New Carbon Pollution Standards and Guidelines for Fossil Fuel-Fired Power Plants On May 11, 2023, EPA announced proposed new carbon pollution standards for coal and natural gas-fired power plants that will protect public health, reduce harmful pollutants, and deliver up to \$85 billion in climate and public health benefits over the next two decades. The proposals would set limits for new gas-fired combustion turbines, existing coal, oil and gas-fired steam generating units, and certain existing gas-fired combustion turbines. EPA will provide an overview of the proposed rules and information on how members of the public can effectively engage in the regulatory process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomás Carbonell, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Stationary Sources, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
4:30 PM – 5:15 PM	Federal Agency Presentation
5:15 PM – 6:15 PM	Business Session
6:15 PM – 6:30 PM	<i>Closing Remarks - Adjourn</i>